

WITNESSES - SCIENCE HEARINGS

SUBCOMMITTEE ON NATIONAL POLICY MACHINERY

Monday, April 25	James A. Perkins, VP, Carnegie Corp.
Tuesday, April 26	James Fisk, Bell Telephone Laboratories
	William H. Pickering, Director, Jet Propulsion Laboratory, Calif. Institute of Tech.
	Reuben Mettler, Exec VP, Space Technology Laboratory, Los Angeles
Wednesday, April 27	Herbert York, Dept of Defense
	Edward Purcell, Physics Dept, Harvard
Thursday, April 28	Eugene Wigner, Physics Dept, Princeton

SUBJECTS FOR TESTIMONY BY WITNESSES BEFORE SUBCOMMITTEE ON NATIONAL POLICY
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1. How can we do a better job of overall long-term planning for science and technology - extending ten or fifteen years into the future? Can the President's Science Advisory Committee contribute still more toward this end? What is the proper role of the National Science Foundation and the Academy of Sciences in long-range planning? Is the National Security Council now working with full effectiveness to relate scientific and technical planning to our long-term national needs?
2. How can we do a better job of coordinating scientific and technical activities related to national security which are now scattered through many different government departments and agencies? Should the President's Science Advisory Committee try to do more to effect coordination in such cases? If not, what alternative mechanisms might help?
3. Would it be desirable to try to bring more permanence and prestige to the President's Science Advisory Committee? Some, while agreeing that any machinery for scientific counsel "at the summit" must have extreme flexibility, believe that it would be desirable to enact broad legislation giving the Science Advisory Committee statutory underpinning. Might this be a useful step?
4. How can we do a better job of identifying at an early date and securing timely decisions to proceed on crucial "balance of power" projects? Are existing mechanisms adequate to give good assurance that we will not overlook promising scientific and technical bets?
5. What additional organizational changes would improve the effectiveness of research and development within the military establishment? The creation of the post of Director of Defense Research and Engineering within the Department of Defense, and the appointment of Assistant Secretaries for Research and Development for the Air Force and Navy, are simply the latest in a series of Pentagon organizational changes dating back to the end of World War II. Are additional reforms now desirable?
6. How can we promote better State-Defense coordination on political problems with major technical components? It is frequently held that our efforts in the disarmament field have suffered because of faulty cooperation between the Departments of State and Defense. Are other important programs now experiencing similar difficulties? If so, what remedial steps would help?
7. Is there a need to do more to bring scientific and technical considerations into the mainstream of political planning within the Department of State? Some say that an Assistant Secretary of State should be made responsible for scientific matters. Should this or similar steps be taken?
8. How can the government attract and hold better people in its scientific and technical posts? The chronic across-the-board need of the government for better personnel is felt with peculiar acuteness in the area of science and technology. What can be done?

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<p>Attached is a news release and list of witnesses pertaining to the science hearings of the Subcommittee on National Policy Machinery scheduled for next week. Copies have been forwarded to OSI for their information.</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 200px; height: 50px; margin: 10px auto;"></div> <p style="text-align: center;">John S. Warner</p>					
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